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Examiner: Elizabeth A. Shaw

Art Unit: 3644

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Please amend the application as follows:

In Claim 1 line 3, after the word "element" please insert the following: -- having two clips located on opposite sides of said horseshoe element; and in Claim 1 line 4, after the word "means" insert the following language: -- having a slot therein --.

Cancel Claim 2.

Pursuant to the Office Action dated September 30, 2005, Claim 1 has been amended to include the indicated allowable subject matter in claim 2 therein. Claim 2 has now been cancelled and with the inclusion of the language in Claim 1, it is submitted that Claims 3, 4, and 5 are now allowable. If anything further is necessary to place the case in condition for allowance, please contact my office.

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- 1. Response to Non-Final Office Action;
- 2. New Claim 1 typed in final form.
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